

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **268**

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: FEB 19 2015
S.B. No. 500
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Energy and Environment, Water and Land,
and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to
which was referred S.B. No. 500 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that any
environmental assessments and environmental impact statements for
any major infrastructure improvement project or major construction
project in any coastal lands include an analysis of the
environmental impact of projected sea level rise over the
anticipated lifespan of the project.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of
Transportation, Office of Environmental Quality Control, Office of
Planning, University of Hawaii System, Conservation Council for
Hawaii, and four individuals. Your Committees received testimony
in opposition to this measure from the Department of Design and
Construction of the City and County of Honolulu, Building Industry
Association of Hawaii, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and three
individuals.

Your Committees find that state construction projects in
special management areas are environmentally precarious. It is
essential to take impacts related to projected sea level rise into
account during the planning stage in order to protect current



infrastructure investments over time. Implementation of this measure will reduce hazards and minimize costly adaption measures.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

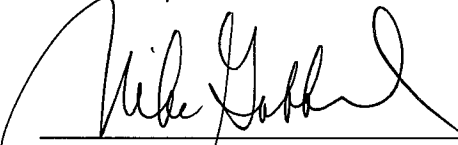
- (1) Replacing "sea level change" with "sea level rise", "coastal lands" with "special management area", and "projected sea level rise or fall" with "projected sea level rise";
- (2) Clarifying that beginning July, 1, 2016, an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement may include an analysis of the environmental impact of projected sea level rise over the anticipated lifespan of the project;
- (3) Requiring the Office of Environmental Quality Control to work with the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program and relevant state agencies to provide guidance documents concerning ecological and environmental problems related to the development of the coastal zone management area;
- (4) Amending the definition of "major" to mean any project having an anticipated estimated value exceeding \$3,000,000; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

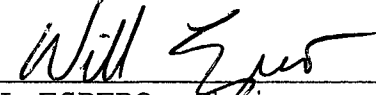
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Environment, Water and Land, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 500, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 500, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy and
Environment, Water and Land,
and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,


LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair


MIKE GABBARD, Chair


WILL ESPERO, Chair

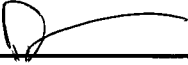


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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Rosalyn H Baker</div>				
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